

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1209

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sue Ella Caldwell Banks on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ella Caldwell Banks will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 8, 2018, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ella Banks is the second of four daughters born to Katie Dancy Caldwell and Hiram Caldwell, and she was educated in the Haywood County School System; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Haywood County, Sue Ella Caldwell was joined in marriage with Charlie Banks, Sr., in 1934, and the couple's blessed union produced thirteen children; they enjoyed many happy years together before his passing in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Banks is also a loving guardian to her two grandchildren and her great-niece, whom she has raised as her own children; and

WHEREAS, during her years of industry, Sue Ella Banks served with acumen and alacrity as a domestic engineer, a farmer, and a cook and server in the restaurant industry; and

WHEREAS, Sue Ella Banks was active in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s, and when she registered to vote, she and her family had to move from the farm in which her husband was a sharecropper; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Banks evinces her devout religious faith as a lifelong member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, which she served as a member of the Usher Board and Mother Board; and

WHEREAS, as Sue Ella Banks approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Sue Ella Caldwell Banks on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.